

**East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)**  
Eastern Montgomery Regional Center  
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

**Wednesday, June 1, 2016**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Members Present:** Peter Myo Khin, Fisseha Adugna, Frederick Stichnoth, Marya Ford, Teddy Wu, Jeremiah Pope, Faustina Smith-Neil, Jerold Samet, Samantha Blizzard, Len Newman, Roy Chavera, Fatmata Barrie.

**Guest Present:** Rob Richardson, Adrienne Lees, Ken Flemmer, Lee Yaffe-Stark, Mara Parker, Ed Weiler, Mark Pharaoh, Lenda Dincer, Dan Wilhelm, Brian Anleu, Gloria Marconi, Bob Bartol, Jheanelle Wills, Joan Burl, Harriett Quinn, Daniel Koroma, Mensah Adjogah, Dawn Griffin, Paul Griffin, Tracie Potts, Claire Rupert, Jerry Rupert, Delores Chavez, Councilmember Tom Hucker, Representative John Sarbanes, Senator Craig Zucker, Dels. Eric Luedtke, Anne Kaiser,

**Staff Present:** Jewru Bandeh, Chiffon Smith

**Citizens' Forum:** Issues/comments received from citizens included – neighborhood public safety related issues and need for increased resources to support County police operations, statement regarding Delegate Moon, District 20 not showing up for this meeting, Daniel Koroma, Program Manager, Montgomery County Office of Community Partnerships introduced Officer Reynolds and talked briefly about My Brother's Keepers initiative and the Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity programs/services in East County.

**Special Guests' Presentations:** Councilmember Tom Hucker's main talking points – Thanks to ECCAB for great work on behalf of East County, FY 2017 budget update/quick takes-more for education/closing the achievement gap, reduced class size, restoration of funding for Fire and Rescue for Hillandale and Burtonsville, increase number of paramedics, funding for school resource officers and a pilot childcare program-afterschool program for Burnt Mills, proposed Burtonsville personal property tax credit and funding for restoration of the Maydale conservation program in the budget. **Rep. John Sarbanes** – Overview of working relationships with other colleagues, need for economic development efforts in Eastern Montgomery County; focus on addressing the increase in opioid/heroin use and his appointment to a conference committee to develop coordinated approach/response to the problem, update on the Energy and Commerce committee he serves on, need for congress to prioritize funding for zika, his office is focusing more on constituent services. **Senator Craig Zucker** talked about-great teamwork by District 14 representatives, protecting Montgomery County priorities and holding the governor accountable for education funding, protection of the most vulnerable, eminent domain proposal for the Burtonsville Crossing Shopping Center, the proposed college savings plan for the disabled community. **Delegate Eric Luedtke** talked about- great representation from the county, increased civic engagement and advocacy in East County, state support and funding for the Maydale conservation program, development of a proposal for property tax credit/enterprise zone for Burtonsville, list of bills supported and passed, individual education plans (IEP) requirements for schools, Burtonsville bike tour in August, freedom to vote/ motor voter act, Noah's law against drunk driving, funding for school construction, veto of five bills, pre-k expansion, establishment of a transportation oversight committee. **Delegate Anne Kaiser** talked about – commended her colleagues for work to advocate for Montgomery County, IEP assessments and programs for the disabled, language barriers for parents of learners, focus on taxes, gender equity related legislation/issues, higher education legislation, bond bills

**New Business:** The Election of ECCAB officers took place as follows, with unanimous votes: Chair-Roy Chavera, Vice Chair-Samantha Blizzard, Secretary-Faustina Smith-Neal, Parliamentarian-Jerold Samet. The Chair thanked Curtis Watkins, Jerold Samet and Roy Chavera who volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee for interviewing ECCAB applicants.

**Old Business:** None

**Announcements:** The Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department received a \$1 million ladder truck, hearing on the Burtonsville property tax credit and minimum wage will be on June 21, 2016.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.